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ANNUAL REPORTS

Of the Officers of the Town of
BENTON, N. H.

For the Year Ending
December, 31, 1946

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Of The Officers Of The
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TWIN STATE PUBLISHING CO., INC.
Woodsville, N. H.

BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Ira E. Elliott

TOWN CLERK

Floyd J. Hutchins

SELECTMEN

John Boutin

Alfred U. Marden

Charles H. Tyler

Term Expires 1947

Term Expires 1948

Term Expires 1949

HIGHWAY AGENT, Ira E. Elliott

TREASURER

Margaret E. Elliott

TAX COLLECTOR

Ira E. Elliott

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Ethel A. Boutin

Napoleon Burke

Chester H. Elliott

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Floyd J. Hutchins

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Frances Mardin

Mildred Elliott

Lulu Clark

FENCE VIEWER, Wayne Wheeler

CONSTABLE

Ira E. Elliott

SCHOOL BOARD

Ethel A. Boutin

Floyd J. Hutchins

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Floyd J. Hutchins

Napoleon Burke

Forrest Clark

SEXTON, John G. Elliott (R)

Joseph Boutin, Jr. (A)

South Benton, William Coates

AUDITOR, Ethel A. Boutin

BALLOT CLERKS

Thelma Boutin

Joseph Boutin, Jr.

Mildred Elliott

and Frances Mardin

LIBRARIAN, Margaret E. Elliott

HEALTH OFFICER

John Boutin

RELIEF AGENT

Ethel A. Boutin

POUND KEEPER

Chester H. Elliott

Town Meeting Warrant

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Benton Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (March 11th) at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, John Boutin being the outgoing member, one Highway Agent, one Tax Collector, one Town Treasurer, one Auditor, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, and all other necessary Town Officers and Agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To hear the Reports of Officers and Agents heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 3. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers' salaries and expenses, for the repair and maintenance and construction of highways and bridges, for the observance of Memorial Day, and for all other Town charges and expenses for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see what action the Town will take in regards to how Memorial Day will be observed.

Article 5. To see what action the Town will take to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to buy a snow plow.

Article 7. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 14th day of January, A. D., 1947.

JOHN BOUTIN
ALFRED U. MARDIN
CHARLES H. TYLER

Selectmen of Benton

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JOHN BOUTIN
ALFRED U. MARDIN
CHARLES H. TYLER

Selectmen of Benton

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the ensuing year,
Jan. 1, 1947 to Jan. 1, 1948

compared with

Actual Revenue Jan. 1, 1946 to Jan. 1, 1947

Sources of Revenue	Actual 1946	Est'm'd 1947
FROM STATE:		
Interest and Dividend Tax		
Railroad Tax	\$10.38	\$10.00
Savings Bank Tax	5.57	5.00
Bounties	82.50	54.54
FROM SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:		
Interest and Costs Included	25.64	25.00
Auto Permits (1946)	125.75	120.00
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES:		
Poll Taxes 1946	62.00	100.00
Dog Taxes 1946	24.00	30.00
Income from Forest Reserve	797.22	600.00
Income from a/c Federal Forest lands	614.91	600.00
INCOME FROM TRUST FUNDS:		
For Cemeteries	64.10	60.00
The Highways	61.88	60.00
TOTAL REVENUES		\$1,664.54
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes		3,830.46
TOTAL REVENUES		\$5,495.00
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES		\$1,664.54
Amount to be raised by Property Tax		3,830.46
GRAND TOTAL		\$5,495.00

BUDGET

Purpose of Expenditures

Current Maintenance Expense:

	Actual 1946	Est'm'd 1947
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
1. Town Officers' Salaries	\$398.95	\$400.00
2. Town Officers' Expenses	231.80	250.00
3. Election and Registration	198.88	50.00
4. Care and Supplies of Community Building	175.14	200.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:		
5. Police Department	5.00	5.00
6. Bounties	82.50	
HEALTH:		
7. Health Department	5.00	5.00
8. Vital Statistics	9.50	10.00
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:		
9. Town Roads	843.05	750.00
10. Snow Removal and Sanding	1,132.11	1,000.00
11. State Aid Construction	500.10	
LIBRARIES:		
12. Librarian	12.00	12.00
CHARITIES:		
13. Town Poor and Old Age Assistance	186.90	220.00
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:		
14. Memorial Day	20.02	20.00
PUBLIC SERVICES ENTERPRISES:		
15. Cemeteries	136.60	75.00
16. Payment on Community Building	88.00	88.00
17. Interest on Notes	28.77	60.00
18. Town Road Aid		
Payments to Other Government Divisions		
19. County Tax	256.03	350.00
20. Payments to School District	1,648.61	2,000.00
Less Dog Tax and Forest Reserve		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$5,495.00

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

April 1, 1946

Land and Buildings	\$65,725.00
Growing Wood and Timber	8,500.00
Electric Plants, Pole Lines (2)	30,990.00
Horses (23)	2,500.00
Bulls (2)	230.00
Cows (125)	14,050.00
Neat Stock (18)	1,280.00
Hogs (12)	300.00
Wood and Lumber, etc.	1,077.00
Gasoline Pumps (2)	200.00
Stock in Trade	300.00

\$125,152.00

58 Polls @ \$2.00 \$116.00

Average Rate of Taxation for all purposes \$3.10

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES
ASSESSED TOWN OF BENTON FOR YEAR 1946

APPROPRIATIONS:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$350.00
Town Officers' Expenses	250.00
Election and Registration Expenses	175.00
Community Building	200.00
Police Department	5.00
Health Department	5.00
Vital Statistics	10.00
State Aid Construction	500.00
Town Road Maintenance	600.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	700.00
Libraries	12.00
Town Poor and Old Age Assistance	150.00
Memorial Day	20.00
Cemeteries	75.00
Interest	50.00
Payment on Debt Principal, Community Building	88.00
County Tax	256.03
School Tax	1,775.00

TOTAL TOWN AND SCHOOL

APPROPRIATIONS	\$5,221.03
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Less Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest and Dividend Tax	\$10.00
Savings Bank Tax	5.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	700.00
Forest Reserve	400.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	100.00
Interest Received on Taxes	20.00
Total Revenues and Credits	\$123.00

Appropriations	\$5,221.03
Revenues	1,235.00

Net amount to be raised by Taxation	\$3,986.03
Plus Overlay	9.68
	3,995.71

Less 58 Polls @ \$2.00	116.00
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Amount to be raised by Property Taxes

on which Tax Rate is figured	\$3,879.71
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Taxes to be Committed to Collector

Property Taxes	\$3,879.71
Poll Taxes, 58 @ \$2.00	116.00

Total Taxes Committed to Collector	\$3,995.71
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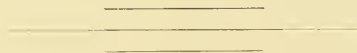
Average Rate for All Purposes \$3.10

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Community Building	\$5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Town Clerk Building	200.00
Furniture and Equipment	50.00
Library	300.00
Highway Equipment	445.00
Town Safe	50.00
Total	\$7,045.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

of the Town of Benton



 ASSETS
Cash:

In hands of the Treasurer	\$1,008.88
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Accounts Due the Town:

Due from the State—	
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Bounties	54.50
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Estimate Forest Reserve (1946)	400.00
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Estimate Reimbursement a/c Federal Lands	700.00
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	\$2,163.38
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Taxes:

1945 Polls	10.00
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1945 Property Tax	2.80
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1946 Property Tax	913.20
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1946 Polls	52.00
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Total Assets	\$3,141.38
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Surplus Dec. 31, 1945	\$1,821.31
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Surplus Dec. 31, 1946	1,555.66
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Decrease of Surplus	\$265.65
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 LIABILITIES
Accounts Owed by Town:

Community Building Note	
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Woodsville Bank	\$440.00
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Short Term Note Woodsville Bank	1,000.00
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Due to the School:	
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Dog Licenses	
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Paid to School Tr.	
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Balance of Appropriation	145.72
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Total Liabilities	\$1,585.72
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Total Assets over Liabilities	\$1,555.66
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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR TOWN OF BENTON FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1946

Margaret E. Elliott, Town Treasurer

Received from Floyd Hutchins, Town Clerk:

1945 Motor Vehicle Tax	\$ 1.35	
1946 Motor Vehicle Tax	125.75	
1945 Dog Tax	5.00	
1946 Dog Tax	24.00	
John Cox lot in Mt. View Cemetery	5.00	
Total	_____	\$ 161.10

Received from Ira Elliott, Tax Collector:

1940 Poll Tax Collected	\$ 4.00	
1941 Poll Tax Collected	2.00	
1943 Poll Tax Abated	36.00	
1944 Poll Tax Abated	40.00	
1944 Property Tax Abated	18.46	
1945 Poll Tax Abated	25.00	
1945 Property Tax Abated	48.72	
Total	_____	\$ 174.18
1945 Regular Poll Tax Collected	\$ 30.00	
1945 Special Poll Tax Collected	45.00	
1945 Interest on Poll Tax	.80	
Total	_____	\$ 75.80
1945 Property Tax Collected	\$ 379.45	
1945 Interest	18.78	
1945 Taxes Bought by Town	2.80	
1945 Costs	6.25	
Total	_____	\$ 407.28

Received from Ira Elliott, Tax Collector
for 1946 Collections:

1946 Property Tax	\$2,935.71	
1946 Discount	30.80	
1946 Interest	.81	
1946 Polls	62.00	
Total	_____	\$3,029.32

Received from State of New Hampshire:

Forest Reserve Fund	\$ 797.22	
Forest Lands	614.91	
Bounties on Hedge Hogs	82.50	
Savings Bank Tax	5.57	
Railroad Tax	10.38	
Total		\$1,510.58

Received from Other Sources:

Town of Easton for Snow Plowing	\$ 30.00	
Total		\$ 30.00

Received from Trust Funds:

For Cemeteries	\$ 64.10	
For Highways	61.88	
Total		\$ 125.98
Total Receipts		\$5,514.24
Cash on hand Dec 31, 1945		888.71

\$6,402.95

Cash by Note	1,000.00
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\$7,402.95

Less Selectmen's Orders	6,363.27
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\$1,039.68

Less Discount	30.80
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BALANCE DEC. 31, 1946	\$1,008.88
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MARGARET E. ELLIOTT, Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT, 1946

Levy 1946:

Property Tax	\$3,879.71
Poll Tax	114.00

Total Warrant	\$3,993.71
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1946 Property Tax Collected	\$2,935.71	
1946 Poll Tax Collected	62.00	
1946 Interest	.81	
1946 Discount	30.80	
Total Collections		\$3,029.32
Uncollected Property Tax	\$ 913.20	
Uncollected Poll Tax	52.00	
Levy 1945:		
Uncollected Property Tax as of Jan. 1,		
1946	\$ 430.97	
Uncollected Poll Tax Regular	56.00	
Uncollected Poll Tax Special	81.00	
Total		\$ 567.97
1945 Poll Tax Abated	\$ 25.00	
1945 Property Tax Collected	379.45	
1945 Property Tax Abated	48.72	
1945 Regular Poll Tax Collected	32.00	
1945 Special Poll Tax Collected	48.00	
1945 Property Tax Interest	18.78	
1945 Poll Tax Interest	.80	
Total		\$ 552.75
1945 Poll Tax Regular Uncollected	\$ 10.00	
1945 Poll Tax Special Uncollected	15.00	
1945 Property Tax Uncollected	2.80	
Total		\$ 27.80

I hereby certify that the above collections are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

IRA E. ELLIOTT, Tax Collector.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**Year Ending December 31, 1946**

Books in Library December 31, 1945	1,018
Books added by State	2
Books given by James M. Leonard	1
Books on Hand	1,051
Books Loaned in 1946	98
Books in Circulation	9
Books in Library December 31, 1946	1,042
Total books loaned by Bookmobile	78

We wish to thank Mr. James M. Leonard for the book he so kindly sent the Library and the Bookmobile for the five books loaned during the year.

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT, Librarian

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT**For the Year Ending December 31, 1946**

Cash	\$71.88
Interest for 1946 not added to date.	

MILDRED A. ELLIOTT,
FRANCESE MARDIN,
LULU CLARK,

Library Trustees.

OVERSEER'S REPORT

JOHN ELLIOTT FAMILY**September 9, 1946:**

E. A. Sargent	
4 pairs shoes	\$13.75
Hartley Hardware Store	
Merchandise	\$ 2.67
Laura Noxon	
Car to Woodsville	\$ 3.00
Floyd J. Hutchins	
5 Copies of Birth Certificates on Elliott Children	\$ 2.50

September 14, 1946:

Order for Groceries	\$18.85
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September 21, 1946

Order for Groceries	\$20.00
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September 28, 1946:

Order for Groceries	\$20.00
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ETHEL A. BOUTIN, Overseer of Poor.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, and Library Trustees, and I have found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL A. BOUTIN, Town Auditor.

January 11, 1947.

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS

Detailed Payments

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:**From Local Taxes:**

Total Taxes Committed to Collector	\$3,879.71
Less Uncollected	944.00
Discounts	30.80

From Ira Elliott, Tax Collector:

1946 Property Taxes Actually Collected	\$2,935.71
1946 Interest	.81
1946 Polls	62.00

Total of 1946	\$2,998.52
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Property and Polls of Previous Years:

Actually (1940 Polls Collected	\$ 4.00
" (1941 Polls Collected	2.00
1943 Polls Abated	36.00
1944 Polls Abated	40.00
1944 Property Tax Abated	18.46
1945 Poll Tax Abated	25.00
1945 Property Tax Abated	48.72

	\$3,172.70
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1945 Regular Poll Tax Collected	30.00
1945 Special Poll Tax Collected	45.00
1945 Interest on Poll Tax	.80
1945 Property Tax Collected	379.45
1945 Interest	18.78
1945 Taxes Bought by the Town	2.80
1945 Costs	6.25

Total Tax Collections	\$3,655.78
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From Floyd Hutchins:

1945 Motor Vehicle Tax	1.35
1945 Dog Tax	5.00
1946 Dog Tax	24.00
1946 Motor Vehicle Tax	125.75
For John Cox Lot in Mt. View Cemetery	5.00

\$3,816.88

Received from State of N. H. Forest Reserve	797.22
a/c Federal Forest Lands	614.91
Bounties on Hedge Hogs	82.50
Savings Bank Tax	5.57
Railroad Tax	10.38
From Town of Easton for 1945 Snow Removal	30.00
Received from Trustees of Trust Funds for Cemeteries	64.10
Highways	61.88

\$5,483.44

Received from Woodsville Bank, Bank Note	1,000.00
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Total Receipts \$6,483.44

Cash on hand December 31, 1945	888.71
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Grand Total \$7,372.15
PAYMENTS**Current Maintenance Expense:****General Government:****Detail**

1. Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 398.95
2. Town Officers' Expenses	231.80
3. Election and Registration	198.88
4. Community Building	175.14

Protection of Persons and Property:

5. Police (Constable)	5.00
6. Bounties	54.50

Health Department:

7. Health Officer	5.00
8. Vital Statistics	9.50

Highways and Bridges:

9. State Aid Construction	500.00
10. Snow Removal	1,132.11
11. Town Road	843.05

Libraries:

12. Librarian	12.00
13. Town Poor and Old Age Assistance	186.90

Patriotic Purposes:

14. Memorial Day	20.02
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Cemeteries:

15. Cemeteries	136.60
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Unclassified:

16. Taxes Bought by Town	6.48
17. Abatements	175.93
18. Interest	28.77
19. Payments on Temporary Loans	250.00
20. Payment on Community Building	88.00

Payments to Government Divisions:

21. County Tax	256.03
22. Schools	1,648.61

\$6,363.27

Cash on hand December 31, 1946	1,008.88
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Grand Total	\$7,372.15
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DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS**Detail No. 1, Town Officers' Salaries**

Ethel Boutin, Auditor	\$ 10.00
John Boutin, Selectman's Salary	60.00
Alfred Mardin, Selectman's Salary	65.00

C. H. Tyler, Selectman's Salary	80.00
Floyd Hutchins, Town Clerk	50.00
Floyd Hutchins, Dog Fees	2.40
Floyd Hutchins, Auto Permits	13.75
Margaret Elliott, Town Treasurer	50.00
Ira Elliott, Tax Collector	50.00
Ira Elliott attending Tax and Road Meeting	7.80
Ethel Boutin, Relief Agent	10.00

Total	\$ 398.95
Appropriated	\$350.00

Detail No. 2, Town Officers' Expenses

C. H. Tyler, Postage and Phone	\$ 4.96
Edson C. Eastman, Town Vouchers	8.16
Frank Norris, Meeting, Dinner Supplies	7.50
Wheeler and Clark, Town Supplies	1.98
Edson C. Eastman, Town Supplies	2.11
Twin State Publishing Co., Town Reports	108.00
F. J. Shores, Transfer of Deeds	3.09
John Boutin, Car on Inventory and Dinners	10.00
F. J. Shores, Town to Forrest Pike Deed	.53
John Boutin, Car to Road Meeting	6.00
Chamberlin's Green House for Flowers	10.00
R. T. Bartlett, Insurance Bonds	21.00
Ruth Avery (Tilton), Assessor's Dues	2.00
Ira E. Elliott, Expense to Collector's Tax Meeting	10.35
Lisbon Bank, Rent of Trustees' Box	4.80
Ira Elliott, Collector's Postage	2.72
Margaret Elliott, Treasurer's Postage	4.27
Floyd Hutchins, Bond Transfers	3.23
Ira Elliott, Tax Sale Cost	5.00
Floyd Hutchins, Trustee, Car, Dinner and Day	10.50
Napoleon Burke, Trustee, Day	5.60
Total	\$ 231.80
Appropriated	\$250.00

Detail No. 3, Election and Registration**March Meeting**

Edson C. Eastman, Checklists	\$ 3.71
Ethel Boutin, Supervisor	11.20
Napoleon Burke, Supervisor	11.20
Chester Elliott, Supervisor	11.20
Ira Elliott, Moderator	5.60

June Setting

Ethel Boutin, Supervisor	5.60
Napoleon Burke, Supervisor	5.60
Chester Elliott, Supervisor	5.60

Primary Meeting

Ira Elliott, Moderator	5.60
John Boutin, Selectman	5.60
Alfred Mardin, Selectman	5.60
C. H. Tyler, Selectman	5.60
Ethel Boutin, Supervisor	11.20
Napoleon Burke, Supervisor	11.20
Chester Elliott, Supervisor	8.40
Joseph Boutin, Jr., Ballot Clerk	5.60
Thelma Boutin, Ballot Clerk	5.60
Frances Mardin, Ballot Clerk	5.60
Mildred Elliott, Ballot Clerk	5.60
Floyd Hutchins, Marking Ballots	1.97

November Election

Ethel Boutin, Supervisor	11.20
Napoleon Burke, Supervisor	11.20
Chester Elliott, Supervisor	11.20
Ira Elliott, Moderator	5.60
Joseph Boutin, Jr., Ballot Clerk	5.60
Thelma Boutin, Ballot Clerk	5.60
Frances Mardin, Ballot Clerk	5.60
Mildred Elliott, Ballot Clerk	5.60

Total \$ 198.98

Appropriated \$175.00

Detail No. 4, Town Hall, Community Building Expenses

Charles H. Tyler, School Tr., Payment on Janitor	\$ 50.00
Ira Elliott, Plowing Yard	1.50
Chester Elliott, Wood	98.00
Howard Tyler, Janitor	17.00
Scruggs Hardware, Supplies	5.78
Scruggs Hardware, Floor Paint	2.86

Total	\$ 175.14
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Appropriated	\$200.00
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Detail No. 5, Protection of Persons and Property

Ira Elliott, Constable	\$ 5.00
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Total	\$ 5.00
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Appropriated	\$5.00
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Detail No. 6, Bounties

Bounties	\$ 54.50
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Total	\$ 54.50
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Detail No. 7, Health Department

Health Officer, John Boutin	\$ 5.00
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Total	\$ 5.00
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Appropriated	\$5.00
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Detail No. 8, Vital Statistics

Floyd Hutchins, 19 deaths @ 50c	\$ 9.50
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Total	\$ 9.50
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Appropriated	\$10.00
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Detail No. 9, State Aid Construction

State Highway Department	\$ 500.00
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Total	\$ 500.00
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Appropriated	\$500.00
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Detail No. 10, Snow Removal

Ira Elliott, Plowing and Sanding	\$ 552.80
Chester Elliott, Labor	150.90
Chester Elliott, Posts for Snow Fence	11.25
John Elliott, Labor	21.00
B. & M. Railroad, Snow Fence, Freight	19.75
John Elliott, Jr., Labor	9.80
Buffalo Industrial Company, Snow Fence	96.00
Francis Boutin, Labor	7.50
Robert Elliott, Labor	9.80
William Harris, Labor	4.20
Harlan Hutchins, Labor	3.50
Howard Tyler, Labor	1.75
Albert Boutin, Labor	38.35
Treasurer, State of N. H., Plowing South Part	20.40
Treasurer, State of N. H., Plow Rent and Supplies	59.21
State Garage of Concord, Mounting Plow	49.60
Joseph Boutin, Jr., Labor	2.50
Joseph Boutin, 3d, Labor	2.10
Ernest Coates, Labor	9.50
Benjamin Elliott, Labor	32.90
Horace Hood, Labor	4.00
George Belyea, Labor on Own Road	21.00
Casellini Venable Corporation, Picks	4.30

Total \$1,132.11

Appropriated \$700.00

Detail No. 11, Town Road Aid

Ira Elliott, Self and Truck, Labor	\$ 435.25
Chester Elliott, Labor	99.15
Harlan Hutchins, Labor	84.30
Floyd Hutchins, Labor	75.20
Joseph Boutin, Jr., Labor	4.00
John Boutin, Jr., Labor	21.35
Albert Boutin, Labor	16.80
Paul Boutin, Labor	5.60
Fredrick Glover, Labor	20.80
Charles Learned, Labor	26.25

Russell Elliott, Labor	15.40
William Harris, Labor	12.95
Town of Haverhill, Gravel	8.90
Harry Lackie, Gravel	5.00
Tilden Day, Gravel	8.60
Ernest Coates, Gravel	3.50

Total	\$ 843.05
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Appropriated	\$600.00
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Detail No. 12, Libraries

Margaret Elliott, Librarian	\$ 12.00
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Total	\$ 12.00
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Appropriated	\$12.00
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Detail No. 13, Town Relief and Old Age Assistance

Town Relief, (Elliott Family)	\$ 80.77
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Old Age Assistance, (Mr. Blake)	106.13
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Total	\$ 186.90
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Appropriated	\$150.00
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Detail No. 14, Patriotic Purposes

Paid to Ira E. Elliott for Memorial Day Supplies	\$ 20.02
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Total	\$ 20.02
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Appropriated	\$20.00
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Detail No. 15, Public Service Enterprises

Cemeteries:

John Elliott, Mountain View and East Cemetery	\$ 121.60
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William Coates, South Benton Cemetery	15.00
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Total	\$ 136.60
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Appropriated	\$75.00
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Detail No. 16, Abatements

Tax Abatements	\$ 175.93
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Taxes Bought by Town	6.48
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Total	\$ 182.41
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Detail No. 17, Interest on Community Building Note

Woodsville Bank	\$ 28.77
Total	\$ 28.77
Appropriated	\$50.00

Detail No. 18, School District

To Treasurer of Schools	\$1,648.61
Total	\$1,648.61
Appropriated	\$1,775.00

Detail No. 19, Payment on Notes

School Term, Woodsville Bank	\$ 250.00
Total	\$ 250.00

Detail No. 20, Long Term Notes

Woodsville Bank on Community Building	\$ 88.00
Total	\$ 88.00
Appropriated	\$88.00

Detail No. 21, Payment to Government Division

Harry Huckins, Treasurer, County Tax	\$ 256.03
Total	\$ 256.03
Appropriated	\$256.03

TAXES ABATED

The following is the list of Taxes Abated.

1943 Polls:

Clara Berube	\$ 2.00
Celia Berube	2.00
Frank Beaulien	2.00
Arthur Boutin	2.00

Clara Boutin	2.00
Edward Brown	2.00
Lulu Collins, Deceased	2.00
Joseph Dorosky	2.00
Cecil Frye	2.00
Fredrick Glover	2.00
Marie Hovey	2.00
Catherine Hussey	2.00
Shirley McKean	2.00
Roland McKean	2.00
Frank Powers	2.00
Agresta Tuckas	2.00
Chauncey White	2.00
Mrs. Chauncey White	2.00
Total	\$36.00

1944 Polls:

Celia Berube	\$ 5.00
Frank Beaulien	5.00
Edward Brown	5.00
Catherine Hussey	5.00
Mrs. Chauncey White	5.00
Evelyn French	5.00
Melvin Dubois	5.00
Mrs. Melvin Dubois	5.00
Total	\$40.00

1944 Property:

Lawrence French Stock	\$13.26
Frank Hannet Stock	5.20
Total	\$58.46

1945 Polls:

Charles Moore	\$ 5.00
Lawrence French	5.00
Evelyn French	5.00
Norman Page	5.00
Mrs. Norman Page	5.00
1945 Property	48.72

Total	\$73.72
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1946:

Parker Lee by Over Taxed Error	\$ 7.75
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Benton School Report

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Mrs. Ethel Boutin, Chairman	Term expires 1947
Mrs. Alexzena Boutin	Term expires 1948
Mr. Floyd Hutchins	Term expires 1949

Other District Officers

Charles H. Tyler	Treasurer
Mrs. Frances Mardin	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Ira A. Elliott	Moderator
Ronald A. Perham	Superintendent of Schools
Arthur Delaney	Truant Officer

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ETHEL BOUTIN,
ALEXZENA BOUTIN,
FLOYD HUTCHINS,

School Board

RONALD A. PERHAM,

Superintendent of Schools

February 1, 1947.

WARRANT FOR SCHOOL MEETING**The State of New Hampshire**

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School and Community Building in said district on the 11th day of March, 1947, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing year.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensations of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.
9. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

ETHEL BOUTIN,
ALEXZENA BOUTIN,
FLOYD HUTCHINS,

School Board

RECEIPTS 1945-1946

State and Federal Aid:

Equalization fund for elementary schools (from State)	\$1,433.94
Federal Forest Reserve	398.61
Total	\$1,832.55

Income from Local Taxation:

(Raised by Selectmen)	
For support of elementary and high schools 1945-46	\$1,600.00
Total	\$1,600.00

Income from Other Sources:

Income from Local Trust Funds	\$ 57.00
Dog Licenses	47.00
Other Receipts	29.47
Total	\$ 133.47

Total Receipts From All Sources	\$3,566.02
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Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1945	159.45
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GRAND TOTAL	\$3,725.47
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PAYMENTS 1945-1946
Administration

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 43.00
Superintendent's Excess Salary	58.14
Truant Officers and Census	5.00
Expenses of Administration	10.93

Instruction

Teacher's Salary	1,356.03
Textbooks	22.40
Scholars' Supplies	45.05

Operation and Maintenance

Janitor Service	287.00
Fuel	52.00
Water, Light, Janitor's Supplies	59.27
Minor Repairs and Expenses	41.16

Auxiliary Agencies

Medical Inspection	22.27
Transportation of pupils	432.00
High School Tuition	77.00
Elementary School Tuition	146.20

Fixed Charges

Tax for State Wide Supervision	55.00
Insurance and Other Fixed Charges	54.00

Outlay for Construction and Equipment

Lands and New Buildings	63.72
Alterations of Old Buildings	24.15
New Equipment	69.35

Debt, Interest, and Other Charges

Payments of Principal of Debt	298.80
Payment of Interest on Debt	59.85
Payments of Notes or Bills from Previous Year	4.00

Total Payments for All Purposes	\$3,286.32
Cash on Hand at End of Year, June 30, 1946	439.15

GRAND TOTAL	\$3,725.47
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BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

June 30, 1946

Cash on Hand:

Balance June 30, 1946	\$ 439.15
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Accounts Due to District:

From Town 1944-45 Appropriation	175.00
From Town 1945-46 Appropriation	175.00

Total Assets	\$ 789.15
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Excess of Liabilities Over Assets	650.85
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GRAND TOTAL	\$1,440.00
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LIABILITIES

June 30, 1946

Accounts Owed by District:

Bonds Outstanding	\$1,440.00
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Total Liabilities	\$1,440.00
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Excess of Assets Over Liabilities	0.00
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GRAND TOTAL	\$1,440.00
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AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Benton of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946 and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANCES MARDIN, Auditor

July 11, 1946.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1946

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand June 30, 1945	\$ 159.45
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Received from Selectmen:

Appropriation for Current Year	\$1,600.00
Dog Tax	47.00
Income from Trust Funds	57.00

Received from State Treasurer:

State Aid	1,433.94
Forest Reserve	398.61
Received from All Other Sources	29.47

3,566.02

Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year

(Balance and Receipts)	\$3,725.47
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Less School Board Orders Paid	3,286.32
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Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1946	\$ 439.15
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CHARLES H. TYLER, District Treasurer

July 11, 1946.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1947-1948

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1947.

Detailed Statement of Estimated Expenditures

Support of Schools:

Teacher's Salary	\$1,500.00
Textbooks	35.00
Scholar's Supplies	50.00
Flags and Appurtenances	5.00
Other Expenses of Instruction	50.00
Janitor Service	300.00
Fuel	167.00
Water, Light, Janitor's Supplies	60.00
Minor Repairs and Expenses	60.00
Health Supervision and Medical Inspection	31.28
Transportation of Pupils	200.00
Payment of Elementary Tuitions	100.00
Other Special Activities	10.00
	\$2,568.28

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of District Officers	
(Fixed by District)	\$ 43.00
Truant Officer and School Census	•
(Fixed by District)	10.00
Payment of Tuition in High Schools and academies (Estimated by Board)	200.00
Superintendent's Excess Salary	
(Fixed by Supervisory Union)	68.14

Per Capita Tax	
(Reported by State Treasurer)	38.60
Payment of principal of debt	240.00
Payment of interest on debt	37.75
Other Obligations	75.00
	\$ 712.40
Total Amount Required to Meet School	
Board's Budget	\$3,280.77

Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1947	\$ 400.00
State Aid, December 1947 Allotment	1,000.00
Dog Taxes	50.00
Income from Trust Funds	57.00
Federal Forest Reserve	100.00
Deduct Total Estimated Income	
(Not raised by Taxation)	\$1,607.00
Assessment Required to Balance	\$1,673.77

We recommend that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,700.00 for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL BOUTIN,
FLOYD HUTCHINS,

School Board.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton :

I herewith submit my fourth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The total enrollment of the school in 1945-46 was 11, the average membership 10.83, the percentage of attendance 95.66, the number of tardinesses was 2. There was one pupil attending the Haverhill Academy, there were 2 elementary pupils at Pike School and 1 at Glencliff.

This year the total enrollment is 15. There are no pupils attending high school. One pupil is attending elementary school outside of the district.

The new playground apparatus is an excellent addition to the school equipment. A new set of encyclopedia has been added. Your teacher, Mrs. Katie Paige is to be commended for her interest and assistance in the procurement of these articles.

The future of your school is very uncertain. It appears that for the next few years, there will not be enough teachers to fill positions in the smaller towns. The teacher's colleges are graduating about one-third the demand. Many married teachers are giving up teaching. To exist, the small school must be prepared to make their positions more attractive than those of the large school. The answer to this problem is high salaries and good working conditions for those teachers who enjoy working in small communities.

Benton has a comfortable modern building and an excellent teacher. I am glad that the School Board and community are cooperating to retain their teacher and to support good education for its children.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM,

Superintendent.

TRUSTEES' REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Period Ending December 31, 1946

Received from Ira Whitcher Fund, interest on \$500.00 U. S.
Treasury Bond for Cemetery \$ 13.53
Bal. December 31, 1945 9.16

\$ 22.69
For Cemetery \$ 12.00
Bal. December 31, 1946 10.69

\$ 22.69

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on \$500.00
U. S. Treasury Bond for care of lots. Balance if any for School
and Highways \$ 13.52

Care of Lot \$ 9.52
For School 2.00
For Highways 2.00

\$ 13.52

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on \$1,000.00
U. S. Treasury Bond for Cemetery. Balance if any for School
and Highways \$ 27.05

For Sexton's Services \$ 17.05
For School 5.00
For Highways 5.00

\$ 27.05

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on \$1,500.00
and \$250.00 U. S. Treasury Bonds for School \$ 49.89

To Benton School District \$ 49.89

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on \$1,500.00
and \$250.00 U. S. Treasury Bonds for Highways \$ 49.88

To Town of Benton for
Highways \$ 49.88

Received from Ella Mann Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited
Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$ 1.00

Care of Lot \$ 1.00

Received from George H. Clark Fund, interest on \$200.00
deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$ 3.30

Bal. December 31, 1945 16.30

\$ 19.60

Care of Lot \$ 4.00

Bal. December 31, 1946 15.60

\$ 19.60

Received from William T. Torsey Fund, interest on \$50.00
deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$.84

Bal. December 31, 1945 1.00

\$ 1.84

Care of Lot \$.84

Bal. December 31, 1946 1.00

\$ 1.84

Received from Samuel C. Annis Fund, interest on \$50.00
deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$.84

Bal. December 31, 1945 1.00

\$ 1.84

Care of Lot \$.84

Bal. December 31, 1946 1.00

\$ 1.84

Received from Jonathan Davis Fund, interest on \$50.00
deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$.84

Bal. December 31, 1945 1.00

\$ 1.84

Care of Lot \$.84

Bal. December 31, 1946 1.00

\$ 1.84

Received from J. C. Speed Fund, interest on \$134.71 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$ 2.29

Bal. December 31, 1945 11.90

\$ 14.19

Care of Lot \$ 3.00

Bal. December 31, 1946 11.19

\$ 14.19

Received from Samuel Whitcher & William Kendall Fund, interest on \$200.00, deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$ 3.30

Bal. December 31, 1945 15.72

\$ 19.02

Care of Lot \$ 4.00

Bal. December 31, 1946 15.02

\$ 19.02

Received from Kendrick L. Howe Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$ 1.00

Care of Lot \$ 1.00

Received from Daniel M. and Kendrick L. Howe Fund, interest on \$100.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$ 2.01

Care of Lot \$ 2.01

Received from Isabella M. Tyler Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$ 1.00

Care of Lot \$ 1.00

Received from L. H. Parker Fund, rent of Cemetery Field \$ 5.00

Wood Sold from Border
of Said Field 2.00

\$ 7.00

Care of Lot \$ 7.00

Received from Town of Benton to pay for exchanging bonds	\$ 3.23
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Paid Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. for Exchanging Bonds	\$ 3.23
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Total amount received from Trust Funds for the year ending December 31, 1946	\$177.29
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Received from Town of Benton	3.23
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Total income	\$180.52
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Bal. December 31, 1945	56.08
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\$236.60

Total amount paid for care of cemetery lots, for repairing and beautifying Mountain View Cemetery, for school and highways, and for exchanging bonds	\$181.10
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Balance deposited on check account,	
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Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 55.50
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\$236.60

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,
 NAPOLEON BURKE,
 FORREST CLARK,

Trustees of Trust Funds.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.**For the Year Ending December 31, 1946**

Adela Victoria Lillis, died January 8, 1946; age 32 years, 9 months, 17 days; born at Manchester, N. H.; white, married; father's name, Stanislaw Opalinski; mother's maiden name, Helen Tycznski; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Edward Francis Carroll, died January 18, 1946; age 40 years, 9 months, 27 days; born at Gloucester, Mass.; white, single; father's name, David Carroll; mother's maiden name, Mary Sullivan; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Anna Marie Dubois, died February 13, 1946; age 36 years, 8 months, 12 days; born at Trois Pistols, Quebec, Canada; white, married; father's name, Joseph Dumont; mother's maiden name, Emma Lagesse; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Andrew E. Makowicz, died March 4, 1946; age 54 years, 4 months, 19 days; born in Poland; white, single; father's name, Jack Makowicz; mother's maiden name, Mary Marok; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Elmer Herberson Payne, died March 10, 1946; age 38 years, 8 months, 17 days; born at Derry, N. H.; white, single; father's name, Edward E. Payne; mother's maiden name, Emma Logesse; cause of death pulmonary tuberculosis.

Bryant Leach Fairbanks, died March 17, 1946; age 25 years, 10 months, 8 days; born at Pelham, N. H.; white, married; father's name, Harry Fairbanks; mother's maiden name, Lottie Fox; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Barbara Eileen Macy, died March 28, 1946; age 19 years; born at Lebanon, N. H.; white, single; father's name, Donald Macy; mother's maiden name, Gladys Thurston; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Fernand Joseph Daigle, died April 8, 1946; age 44 years, 4 days; born at Salmon Falls, N. H.; white, married; father's name, Napoleon Daigle; mother's maiden name, Emma Gagnon; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Harry Clark Jacobs, died April 27, 1946; age 48 years, 11 months, 15 days; born at East Rochester, N. H.; white, married; father's name, Marcus Jacobs; mother's maiden name, Mary Clark; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Margaret Katherine Webster, died April 29, 1946; age 31 years, 8 months, 12 days; born at Reed's Ferry, N. H.; white, single; father's name, Clarence Webster; mother's maiden name, Mattie Kilborn; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Bryan Joseph Degnan, died June 1, 1946; age 33 years, 10 months, 22 days; born at West Lebanon, N. H.; white, single; father's name, Patrick Degnan; mother's maiden name, Ellen Kearney; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Paul Manning Mercer, died August 6, 1946; age 47 years, 7 months, 2 days; born at Nashua, N. H.; white, single; father's name, William Mercer; mother's maiden name, ? ? ? ? , cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Horace Charles Wilson, died August 29, 1946; age 41 years, 7 months; born at Bridgeport, Conn.; white, married; father's name, Charles P. Wilson; mother's maiden name, Grace Ackerman; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Walter James Harris, died October 1, 1946; age 27 years, 2 months, 7 days; born at Arlington, Mass.; white, single; father's name, Newman Harris; mother's maiden name, Clara Hobbs; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Barbara Claire Flynn, died October 6, 1946; age 22 years, 8 months, 11 days; born at Concord, N. H.; white, married; father's name, Clarence Parkhurst; mother's maiden name, Irille Little; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Charles Carroll Kimball, died November 2, 1946; age 58 years, 2 months, 11 days; born at Canterbury, N. H.; white, married; father's name, Lucien Kimball; mother's maiden name, Edna Stanyan; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Wilfred Harry Perry, died November 6, 1946; age 46 years, 9 months, 26 days; born at Berlin, N. H.; white, married; father's name, Alfred Perry; mother's maiden name, Mary Nolan; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis, and cerebral thrombosis.

Marie Mae Comeau, died November 28, 1946; age 15 years, 8 months, 27 days; born at Groveton, N. H.; white, single; father's name, Phillip Comeau; mother's maiden name, Irene Anger; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Clifford Hardy Burbee, died October 19, 1946; age 53 years, 2 months, 22 days; born at Ashburnham, Mass.; white, married; father's name, William Chester Burbee; mother's maiden name, Martha Elizabeth Hardy; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS, Town Clerk.



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